union recognized by the Government in All India Radio and Doordarshan. However, there are various associations which represent the employees of Prasar Bharati.

(c) to (e) Doordarshan had projected an additional requirement of 4616 posts in accordance with the staffing norms recommended by SIU in the year 2002-03 for various Doordarshan Kendras, transmitters, earth stations, etc. However, this issue is now under consideration of Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted by the Government to examine various matters pertaining to Prasar Bharati. Appropriate steps would be taken after receipt of the recommendations of the GOM. Although there is no recognized association, yet attempts are made to address their grievances and demands raised by them from time to time.

Telecast of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Channels

2948. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for cable TV operators to telecast Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha channels regularly and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Cable TV operators functioning in RK Puram and Dwarka areas in New Delhi are not telecasting the same channels despite requests from subscribers; and

(c) the action Government propose to initiate against all such cable TV operators for not telecasting Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha channels and to ensure that the same are telecast regularly?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) In terms of Section 8 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, Prasar Bharati, in February, 2005 had notified among other channels DD-Lok Sabha and DD-Rajya Sabha channels for compulsory carriage by all cable operators in the non-prime band on their cable network.

(b) Complaints have been received from some areas of Delhi and New Delhi about the violation of the provisions of this Notification.

(c) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has written to the Government of all States and Union Territories in May, 2005 and July, 2006 for enforcement of these provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.